Coonemmavoo-Alwaye road.

89. *MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have begun the works connected with the Coonemmavoo-Alwaye road, if so, when and if not, why not?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : The work has been started this year and is in progress.

Opium and the Travancore Sugars and Chemicals, Ltd.

90 *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there was a proposal to supply opium free of duty to the Travancore Sugars and Chemicals, Ltd.; and

(*b*) the amount of opium consumed by them in 1115 and till the end of Edavom 1116?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Quantity of opium consumed in 1115 was 100½ seers and that during 1116 (till the end of Edavom) 177½ seers.

Vishavaidyasala at Haripad.

91. *MR. G. VELU PILLAI : (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is any recognised Vishavaidyasala at Haripad;

(*b*) the year in which it was given recognition;

(*c*) whether any grant is given to the Vishavaidyasala at present;

(*d*) whether any Vaidyasala in the State, which was recognised after this, is given grant;

(*e*) the principle adopted by Government in the matter of giving grants to recognised Vaidyasalas; and

(*f*) whether Government have received representations from the inhabitants of Kartikapalli taluk for giving grant to the recognised Vishavaidyasala at Haripad?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 1930.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Efficiency of the Vaidyan and the utility of the Vaidyasala are the main criteria for the award of grant-in-aid to a vaidyasala.

(*f*) Yes.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI : With reference to the answer to part (*f*), may I know whether Government have taken any action in connection with the representation?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : Yes, they have called for a report from the Director of Ayurveda.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI : May I know whether Government are aware that this particular Visha Vaidyan belongs to a backward community?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : Yes; Government are aware.

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MR. G. VELU PILLAI : May I know whether there is any Visha Vaidyasala in Central Travancore which is given a grant now ?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : I have no information at present. I claim notice.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI : May I know, Sir, whether Government will be pleased to reconsider the case of this particular Visha Vaidyan?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : The matter will be looked into.

Karingal Water Supply.

92. *MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the scarcity of drinking water in Karingal and suburbs has been brought to their notice ; and

(*b*) whether any water supply scheme has been proposed ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : May I know what has happened to the Scheme ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : Detailed investigation is being conducted.

Reorganisation of the Excise Department.

93. *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of temporary staff continuing as such after Mr. C. O. Madhavan's reorganisation of the Excise Department ;

(*b*) the time for which they were continuing as temporary staff ; and

(*c*) the total amount of money disbursed as pay and allowances to these officers per annum ?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN : (*a*) Of the temporary staff sanctioned during the reorganisation of 1113 the following officers are now continuing as temporary :

Inspectors	2
Clerks	3
Petty Officer	1
Peons	2

(*b*) From 1-4-1113.

(*c*) The total amount of money disbursed as pay and allowances to these officers per annum is Rs. 3,432.

Gun firing at Trivandrum.

94. *MR. G. VELU PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the place from where the gun is fired at 5 a. m., 12 noon and 8 p. m. daily in Trivandrum ;

(*b*) the reasons for choosing that particular place ;

(*c*) whether Government have considered the desirability of firing the gun from a more central place in the City ; and

(*d*) the total cost incurred daily for firing the gun ?

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